

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0144468 issued to Northcutt et al. Claims 2, 10 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Northcutt in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0259642 issued to Du et al. Claims 4, 7, 12 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Northcutt. Applicant respectfully traverses.

The Examiner's rejection is not understood. Claim 1 recites that the PCI Express switch switches visual information "from the PCI Express interface to the graphics controller." Claim 9 recites "switching audiovisual information ... so that the audio information is communicated to audio processing components and the visual information is communicated to video processing components." As is depicted by Applicant's Figure 1, the PCI Express switch is disposed between the PCI Express interface and the graphics controller and audio processor. In contrast, the switch 71 of Northcutt accepts information from the graphics accelerator 82 and the audio Codec 84. The switch 71 of Northcutt is on the wrong side of the audio and visual processing components and therefore cannot anticipate Claims 1 and 9. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of Claims 1 and 9.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees which may be necessary and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502264.

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